



SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1903



WAITING FOR THE MORNING.

Jesus, my Lord, I'll wait for Thee
Until the morning.
I'm weary of this world of sin,
Its strife and toil and noisy din;
Its race wherein few ever win;
Yet I would bear the cross for Thee
Until the morning.

Jesus, my Lord, I'll wait for Thee
Until the morning.
Some day my sun will seek its rest,
Strange glory lingering in the west;
While sparrows hie them to their nest,
And stars shine o'er the wide, wide sea
Until the morning.

Jesus, my Lord, I'll wait for Thee
Until the morning.
I'll meet lost friends when night is o'er,
Where we shall part no more, no more;
And love as once in days of yore—
But sweeter far Thy face to see
In heaven's morning.

"Twill not be long; time hastens by—
Until the morning.
This life's a span, its course soon run;
Its work will all be quickly done;
E'en now we hear the signal gun;
And night gone by I'll upward fly.
In God's glad morning.

—Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., in the Interior.

A SIMPLE STORY.

Of an English Mansion Whose Steps
Were Stepping Stones to
Christian Character.

A certain English mansion, noted
through many years for its hospital-
ities to clergymen, has a history
which is interesting and unusual.

A young bricklayer was one day
passing along a London street, when
he saw a servant maid in front of
one of the houses, cleaning the steps.
Her appearance pleased him, and he
noticed that she did her work well.
After a time he succeeded in learn-
ing her name and where she attend-
ed church. Then he became an at-
tendant at the same place of worship,
although his motive was merely to
meet her.

In a Dissenters' chapel they were
first introduced to each other, and
an acquaintance began, such as so
often brings opposite forces face to
face till the stronger prevails.

The young woman was sincerely
religious, the young man was not.
Her faith governed her life and
sweetened her daily service. He saw
no good in his profession or its cere-
monial duties. But the girl was true
and wise, and she did not wait, as
too many have done, till her partial-
ity for him weakened her loyal
piety once in his way, were kept
there by her friendly interest—noth-
ing more.

He studied and questioned her, and
studied and questioned himself. He
began to read her Book and under-
stand her worship; and then her
faith appealed to him. He admired
her firmness, and ceased to wonder
why she could not love an unbeliever.

It is quite common to challenge
the sincerity of spiritual conversion
in a sentimental case, but the young
mason had genuine manhood, and
when he had a confession to make
it was an honest one. Led by the
gentle girl who became his wife, he
began a career of Christian useful-
ness that left its stamp on his gen-
eration.

He prospered in his business, and
after a few years was able to erect a
handsome home of his own.

In the making of it he carried out
his ideal. He had determined that
it should be a "wayside inn" for
Christian ministers. It should never
lack a prophet's chamber with the
Shunammite "bed and a table and a
stool and a candlestick" for any man
of God who came by Sabbath ap-
pointment to his church, or who
journeyed that way on evangelical
duty. When the house was done and
the screen of scaffolding taken away
from the front door he invited his
wife and children to the place, and
made known his little surprise.

"There, Mary, do you recognize
them?" he said. "Those are the
steps you stood on when I first saw
you. When your old employer's
house was moved I bought them.
They were touched by the feet of
my good angel when she first came
into my life, and I wanted them at
home to keep me in mind."

Many years after the bricklayer
became a wealthy brick manufac-
turer he lived to enjoy dispensing
the hospitalities of his home, and
the occasions were not far between
when bishops and doctors and mis-
sionaries, whose gifts and labors
gave luster to England's name, were
welcomed up those steps so long ago
consecrated by affection. Those
plain stone steps were a constant
reminder of a young woman's faith-
ful diligence, and they recalled to
her husband his first foothold of
Christian character, and his first up-
lift to happiness and fortune. That
is why he cherished them.—Youth's
Companion.

None Too Many Like Her.
Some one said of a young lady:
"She is so easy to like with." This
is high commendation. This class of
persons is not overabundant. One
easy to live with sees the bright side
of things, makes the best of disap-
pointments, gives up individual pre-
ferences for the sake of others, does
not take offense at trifles or envy

the success of friends. Such a one is
a congenial companion for old or
young, and in scores of ways makes
the machinery of daily life run
smoothly.—United Presbyterian.

RESIGNATION.

A Word for Those Who Think Their
Lot Has Been Cast in Hard
Places.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
—St. Matthew, vi, 10.

It would be an act of folly to be
resigned to a disagreeable condition
of affairs if that condition were
avoidable. A man is bound to get
its fullest extent of happiness out
of life, and it is a sacred duty to do
so. He ought to do his utmost en-
deavor to make his environment as
pleasant and as cheerful as possible.

If he foresees an evil he should care-
fully plan to get it out of his way,
and work hard to accomplish that
object. There is no reason why we
should not extract from passing time
the very best and pleasantest it
is capable of furnishing. It is as much
an injunction of religion to do this
as it is to be just and honest and
charitable. The old notion that one
can be religious only when he is half
miserable, or that we should be
gloomy in order to please the Al-
mighty, is now obsolete; it is a libel
against Him who made the sky blue
and scattered flowers over the earth.

The same rule holds good when a
disagreeable condition is permanent
and unavoidable; that is to say, it is
a duty to take the brighter rather
than the more sombre view of the
situation and find as much peace and
happiness as the circumstances con-
tain. There is no life so narrow that
it does not hold more of good than
we at first think conceivable. If in-
stead of looking with covetous eye
on the superior benefits which oth-
ers enjoy we set at work to live our
own life in our own way we shall be
surprised to find that flowers blossom
in soil which we thought only
productive of weeds. The great se-
cret is to force ourselves into har-
mony with our surroundings—it is
not always easy to do this—and com-
pel them to yield their best product.
This resignation is one of the loft-
iest of virtues and one of the most
heroic.

I can imagine that a tree when cut
down, split asunder, steamed and
bent into the shape of a vessel's ribs
may complain that it is hardly used;
that it is unjust to tear it from its
native forest and change its destiny
and its purpose. But when the ves-
sel is afloat, breasting the storms of
old ocean and bearing a rich cargo
from port to port, I can also imag-
ine a strange awakening on the part
of that tree and a conscious thank-
sgiving that it was not left to flourish
with other forest trees, but was sin-
gled out for special duty by a special
decree of Providence.

In like manner I have seen a hu-
man life crushed by a disappoint-
ment or by a bereavement or by
some heart sorrow worse than death.
It seemed as though all the light
had gone out of it—a black night and
gloom. And yet as time wore on
the stars came out, and when the
soul had become accustomed to the
new environment there was a peace,
a calm resignation which yielded no
small degree of actual happiness.

The narrow circle gave more than
the larger circle of other days, and
the burdened life had flowers in it
which do not blossom in soil which
is rich with excitement and pleasure.
Many a man has learned what life
means through affliction, and I some-
times think that our sorrows are the
best part of us. The man who has
his own way has a very poor way,
and the one who is led by God is on
the road to heaven.

Once feel God's hand on your
shoulder and you will forget the
world and make a world of your
own. What others enjoy will be
nothing to you, and what you will
find in your own pathway when you
are in the right relation to Him is
sufficient for you. If we were to
live here forever it would be differ-
ent. Then we should feel hardly to
be deprived of pleasures which oth-
ers enjoy; but since this life is so
short and the other life is so long
what matters it that others have
riches and we poverty, others leisure
and we sickness? These things are
mere details in the economy of the
soul whose value we have greatly ex-
aggerated. We can get on bravely
and sturdily and live our little lives
so worthily that when the perfect
day comes we shall be warmly wel-
comed.

There are no circumstances in
which we may not build character,
and character is all there is to live
for. Be patient, therefore, and the
morning will break at last. Be cheer-
ful even in the twilight of illness
greatly prolonged and the shadows
will disappear.

When the painful experience can
be avoided your efforts must not
cease, but when the unavoidable oc-
curs fit yourself to it, let it be your
mission to use it to your soul's ad-
vantage, and you will soon learn that
no life is without peace and joy.
Resignation is itself a source of com-
fort and happiness.—George H. Hep-
worth, in N. Y. Herald.

RELIGIOUS TRUTHS.

Christ is the source of all inspira-
tion in art, science and life.—Rev.
M. P. Smith, R. C.

To associate with the highest
means the birth of high ideals and the
love and harmony of the highest
things.—Rev. D. W. Tevis.

Self-indulgence and indifference to
human wrongs lead to diabolical in-
God's goodness and cause belief in
eternal justice to fade away. Delib-
erate sin means moral atrophy. It
means the withering of the root that
goes down into the soil of eternal
truth.—Rev. J. P. Forbes.

For a Good Reason.
Carrie—Why did Clara give Jack the
mitten?

Belle—She heard that he had been
handling her reputation without
gloves.—Town Topics.

Very Much in Demand.

Towne—I see there's a new cashier
at the bank. I suppose Smugley was
discharged?

Browne—Not exactly. They're of-
fering double his old salary to get him
back.

Towne—Ah! Resigned, eh?

Browne—Not exactly that, either.
They're offering a thousand pounds
reward for him.—Tit-Bits.

Rather Egotistical.

"I wouldn't marry the best man on
earth," said the fair female, who had
been up against a game of solitaire for
some 40-odd summers.

"Huh!" growled the old bachelor,
"I see no reason why you should have
permitted that remark to escape. I
didn't ask you to make my life a bur-
den."—Chicago Daily News.

An Accomplished Maid.

"Yas," said Mrs. Newin Sasseley,
"my dear daughter is perfectly devoted
to music; she is of such an artistic tem-
perament!"

"Indeed?"

"Why, it would make you heart
glad to see that dear child giving
money to the organ grinders!"—Balti-
more News.

Playing Ghost Is Expensive.

It cost Truman Metzger just \$175 to
have a little fun as a ghost. He is a
farmer of Weymouth Centre, N. Y., and
to frighten his friend, Frank Chipman,
he arrayed himself in a mask and a
white sheet. When Chipman came
along in a wagon out popped the
"ghost," off ran the terrified horse,
throwing the driver to the ground and
breaking his arm. To avoid a lawsuit
the "ghost" paid his victim \$175.

PROMISING GIRL.



"What am I to do? The diamond
in my engagement ring has got a flaw
in it!"

"Take no notice, by dear—love
should be blind, you know."

"Yes—but it hasn't got to be stone
blind!"—Alley Sloper.

Struck Himself Hard.

Yeast—I understand your wife was
putting down carpets to-day. What
do you suppose struck her?

Crimsonbeak—Oh, that's easy; the
hammer.—Yonkers Statesman.

Entitled to Happiness.

"And why, pray should I not be hap-
py?" exclaimed the woman. "I
haven't enough sense to know when
I am deceived, and yet sense enough
not to care to know."—Town Topics.

Advantages of Matrimony.

Friend—Did you lose anything in the
Bustall bank?

Depositor—Not a cent.

"Well! well! If you knew the thing
was going up why didn't you say so?"

"I didn't know. I had to go off on
business, so I left my wife some blank
checks. She went shopping."—N. Y.
Weekly.

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